## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: NON-TOXIC CROSSLINKING REAGENTS TO RESIST CURVE PROGRESSION IN SCOLIOSIS AND INCREASE DISC PERMEABILITY

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## TRANSMITTAL-CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/230,671, filed August 29, 2002, of Thomas P. Hedman, for NON-TOXIC CROSSLINKING REAGENTS TO RESIST CURVE PROGRESSION IN SCOLIOSIS AND INCREASE DISC PERMEABILITY.

1.	$\boxtimes$	Enclosed is a copy of the application.	
2.		Enclosed is a declaration and power of attorney.	
3.	$\boxtimes$	A declaration and power of attorney will follow.	
4.		Enclosed is an associate power of attorney.	
5.		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:	
		This application is a continuation-in-part application of application Serial No filed, which application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.	_'

## 6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

		C	ALCULAT	TION OF FEES					
ITEM		TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	OUNT \$ FEE	
Α	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	44	-20	24	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$9	216		
В	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	16	-3	13	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$43	559		
С	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)					\$	775		
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE  LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145					\$	145		
E	BASIC FEE  LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385						\$	385	
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)					\$	1305		
	*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1, 2, 10, 11, 17-24, 27-30								

	$\boxtimes$	A check in the amount of \$_1,305_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
	$\boxtimes$	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
7.	$\boxtimes$	1 sheet(s) of drawings is/are enclosed.
8.	$\boxtimes$	The present application claims priority from <u>U.S.</u> Provisional Patent Application No. <u>60/316,287</u> , filed <u>August 31, 2001</u> and U.S. Patent Application No. <u>10/230,671</u> , filed <u>August 29, 2002</u> under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
9.		The certified copy of the priority document(s) has/have been filed in prior application Serial No filed
10.		The certified copy of the priority document(s) will follow.
11.		An assignment to is enclosed herewith, along with the recordation form cover letter and check in the amount of \$40.
12.		A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
13.	$\boxtimes$	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

14. Г	Information	disclosure statement is	enclosed	with references.
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